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FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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Food Security Situation*

● Mauritania is one of the world's least developed countries as well as a food-deficit country. Some 25 percent of children under 5 are chronically malnourished while nearly 70 percent of rural Mauritanians live in poverty, leaving them particularly vulnerable to food insecurity.

● The past five years have witnessed a series of natural disasters such as droughts, desert locust invasion, and major flooding, causing repeated food crises. These events have caused special hardship to the rural poor as the annual five to six month "lean season" always brings hunger. These shocks have been exacerbated by inflated world oil and cereals prices and late arrival of seasonal rains.

CIA Factbook, June 26, 2009

Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2009 (to date)	$4.7 million	7,140 MT
Fiscal Year 2008	$16.5 million	19,230 MT
Fiscal Year 2007	$7.4 million	14,400 MT
Fiscal Year 2006	$6.1 million	12,940 MT

Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partners	FY09		FY08			
	Development		Emergency		Development	
	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons
PVOs*	$4.7	7,140	----	----	$5	7,610
WFP*	----	----	$11.5	11,620	----	----

Food for Peace Program Details

Implementing Partners	Counterpart International
Targeted Beneficiaries	46,800 food-insecure Mauritanians
Current Projects	Health and nutrition; community mobilization (infrastructure development and income-generating activities); livelihood capacity development
Project Locations	Gorgol; Guidimakha; Assaba, and Hodh el Gharbi

* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons; PVO: private voluntary organization; CPI: Counterpart International
*Food Security Situation information is provided by WFP and CPI as of March 20, 2009